

Good Day,

I'm writing to express my grave concern over the mismanagement of our public media commons by The FCC.

On the FCC website, under FCC & The Freedom of Speech it says, "According to an FCC opinion on the subject, "the public interest is best served by permitting free expression of views." This principle ensures that the most diverse and opposing opinions will be expressed, even though some may be highly offensive." It is apparent to anyone who watches broadcast television or listens to broadcast radio that there is a dangerous lack of diverse and opposing opinions in all media today, tv, radio and newspapers alike. The FCC is a regulating agency whose service is to the public interest in managing the public media commons. However, you are considering further de-regulation. What then will be the purpose of the FCC when there are no longer regulations that protect the interests of the public in these matters?

Media is a strong component of democracy. When it is captured by single-minded, exclusive individuals, groups or organizations, it tips the balance in their favor. This goes explicitly against the function of media in a democratic society, and by allowing this to occur, The FCC fails utterly in its responsibilities to the public whom they serve.

Corporations have too much control in our country already. By changing the regulations on media ownership, The FCC is boldly showing the public that they no longer serve their interests, but only the interests of the corporations who seek to monopolize the media, and therefore, monopolize the access to opinions and information that the citizens of this country base their values and views of themselves and the rest of the world upon.

There seems to me too much concentration of control of our news and information systems to be healthy to our democracy, and it seems to me that the citizens of this country should reexamine the role and authority of The FCC to "regulate" those systems and their owners.

I strongly urge you to delay any changes in the regulations regarding media ownership until you have truly done your job and had public hearings from one coast to the other, throughout each state, broadcasting them on mainstream channels and providing public commentary cards through the mail to ensure that as many diverse and opposing opinions as possible be heard on this very important issue.

Thank you,

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